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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the confirmation of allowable subject matter via the Notice of Allowance having an issue fee due date of January 5, 2006 (to date, the issue fee has not been paid). This letter concerns the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed in the present patent application on October 4, 2005. Applicants have not received a signed copy of this Information Disclosure Statement (Form 1499).

To receive acknowledgement of entry and review all documents cited in the October 4, 2005 IDS, before the issue fee due date of January 5, 2006, Applicants attach hereto a copy of the PTO-1449 form and a copy of the corresponding U.S. PTO stamped postcard which indicates that the PTO-1449 form was submitted along with the corresponding Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request that either the original (or the enclosed replacement) PTO-1449 form be initialed by the

Examiner, indicating consideration of the listed documents, and that a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form be forwarded to the undersigned for Applicants' file.

As the Issue Fee comes due on January 5, 2006, Applicants look forward to receipt of an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form prior to that date.

Respectfully submitted,
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